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v.
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RESERVE ROUND UP

Saturday, December 13th

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

Wrexham 3 Manchester City A 1
(half-time 0-1)

Wrexham scorers — **Steve Buxton, Dave Palmer, Alan Dwyer.**

Wrexham — **Niedzwiecki, Hill, Dwyer, F. Jones, Andy Lee, Palmer, Hunt, Arkwright, Smallman, Buxton, Fleming. Sub. Steve Jones.**

● **Verdict:** Wrexham were held to only 3 goals by a brilliant performance from the City 'keeper.

WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wrexham 'B' 2 Bala 1
(half-time 2-1)

Wrexham scorer — **Kevin Pritchard (2).**

Wrexham — **Parker, Mark Joseph, Mark Jones, Darren Baker, Chris Dawson, Gavin Foulkes, Chris Taylor, Pritchard, T. Heaword, J. Muldoon, Medwyn Evans. Sub. M. Heaword.**

● **Verdict:** A closely fought game spoilt by a strong wind.

Merit Man — **Kevin Pritchard.**

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Cardiff	21	8	3	10	23	29	19
Preston	23	5	9	7	22	35	19
Bristol City	23	4	8	11	18	33	16
Bristol Rovers	23	1	10	12	18	38	12

(Up to date)

Arfon Griffiths

May I on behalf of myself, the directors, players and staff of Wrexham Football Club extend a belated wish to all our fans both for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. I am writing these notes before our game at Preston — but I hope that as we go into this Boxing Day game against Bolton Wanderers we have continued our climb up the Second Division table.

We are due a good home display — I hope that it comes today. We do have a problem learning to play against sides who come to the Racecourse only concerned in not losing. Our last home game against Cambridge was a perfect example of how the game is in danger of dying if sides do not go out to win both home and away.

The reason why we have got a fairly good away record this season is that we go out to win in every match. The onus, of course, is on us to break down a side like Cambridge but in that match we didn't take our early chances, did not have the bit of luck needed in every game, but I must confess we did not lift our game enough to break them down.

Cambridge made no attempt to win the game and in the end I felt sorry for the spectators and I do worry about the future of the game if sides continue to play this type of game week after week.

Our F.A. Cup tie at West Ham promises to be a whole different game. I was disappointed at not getting a home draw but meeting the cup holders is a great challenge and one which our players will relish. Apart from it being financially a good draw for our club, I'm sure the tie will live up to the standard of the other games we have enjoyed against West Ham — a side I rate the best in the Second Division and who are going great guns in the League, League Cup and of course the European Cup-Winners Cup.

With that match to look forward to, and the visit from Newcastle Utd., followed by a home Welsh Cup clash against our old rivals Cardiff City, the New Year does look very exciting.

I was privileged to be at The Hawthorns ground the other week when our youth team beat West Brom in the F.A. Youth Cup, 2nd round, second replay 2—0. It was

a superb display by our youngsters who fully deserved their victory. We now have to travel away again in the next round to Coventry.

Our visitors today, Bolton have had a few problems adjusting to the Second Division after relegation but they seem to have been picking up points lately and like all Second Division games, today's encounter is bound to be a hard one.

I must appeal to our fans travelling to Shrewsbury Town for tomorrow's match please behave yourselves. Wrexham Football Club has got a very good travelling reputation and it would be a pity if this was to be tarnished. Please think of your club when travelling and when inside the Shrewsbury ground.

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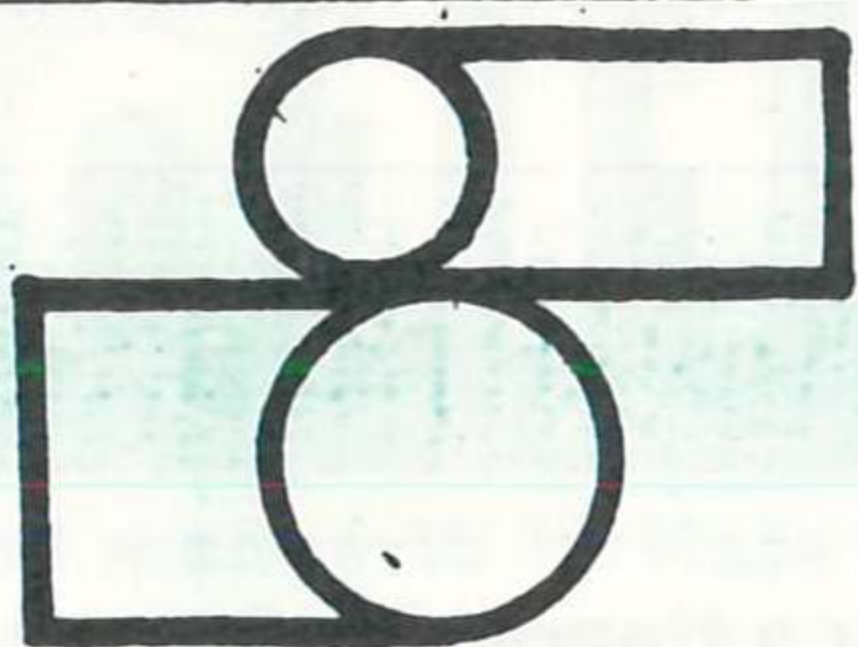
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GARETH DAVIS



POTLIGHT

It was not pressure that forced Gareth Davis to ask to be relieved of the captaincy . . . it was pride!

"I get a bit mad when I read that I threw in the job because I could not stand the pressure. I was proud of being skipper. I had been captain for the two seasons before we got promotion and the following season when we struggled, so if I was going to be under pressure it would have been then and not at the beginning of this season.

"The fact is I got fed-up towards the end of last season with stories in the 'papers that my first team place was in jeopardy. They still carried on before the kick-off of the new season. When I was dropped after the Burnley League Cup match I finally made the decision to pack up being captain.

It was not pressure it was simply that I thought the club should have a captain who is an automatic choice in the side. At that time I was out of the first team."

All the disappointment of the beginning of the season is over for Gareth who in the view of manager Arfon Griffiths is playing better now than he did when he won his international caps.

"Immaculate" was how the manager summed-up his present form. "Gareth had a problem with his form at the beginning of the season but to his credit he buckled down and came back to play consistently at top form."

Does Gareth still have nightmares about that 'own goal' against Burnley in the opening game of the season?

"I can remember it and although I was dropped after that match the goal was unfortunate. I had been playing well for the first 30 minutes then I put the pass back to Dai that I have done probably three times every game for seasons . . . but this time it went into our goal. From that moment on, the rest of the lads struggled. It was perhaps natural that I should get the blame for what proved a defeat that was a big blow to the start of the season.

"It's awful to find yourself in a reserve side and trying to get back to form because it's not exactly the right type of atmosphere to get motivated. Most of the lads who have been in a similar position will say the same.

"Right now I'm chuffed the way things are going because I had a record testimonial and it's only right that I repay the club and the fans who made that testimonial possible. The boss reckoned that my testimonial pressures might have been the main reason why my form suffered. Perhaps he was right although at the time I didn't believe him."

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It was Hard but not Dirty

says **GEORGE SHOWELL**

Wrexham's physio George Showell is well qualified to talk about those tough-tackling days of the 1950s. He was a member of the famous Wolves side that took the English scene by storm — and enjoyed considerable success abroad, too.

George played more than 200 games for Wolves "the tackling in those days was hard. Very hard. When you played Bolton you were facing men like Roy Hartle, Tommy Banks, Brian Edwards and John Higgins. They really were hard men — but they were not dirty. They could take it, too.

"The idea then was to get in a tough tackle as quickly as possible just to let the other side know you were around. There were certain players who you knew, that if you hit them you wouldn't get any trouble from them for the rest of the game!

"But you also got lads like Bobby Smith of Spurs and Andy Graver (Stoke City) who would come back for more all the time. It was a situation where everyone expected to play it hard. You had no yellow cards in those days. Referees would have a quiet word if it got really tough.

George now finds himself treating injuries of the modern game. "In my playing days if you had a cartilage you were virtually finished. Today, you are expected back in training within a month.

If the game is not as rough and tough as it was why are there so many injuries?

"Players have far more pressure today. We trained hard at Wolves but nowhere near what players have to go through today. The game is far more demanding much more is expected from players and it is inevitable that the pulls the strains etc., happen more frequently."

George believes that the old game was more exciting and had just as much skill as today's. "We had the advantage of not being on television. Fans had to come and see football and it made a better atmosphere. Referees allowed more to go on — today's referees seem to be worried about the assessors watching him.

George also puts the finger on England's World Cup win in 1966 for changing the game for the worse. "If England hadn't won teams today would not be playing the 4-4-2 system. That has stifled the game."

"People go on about dirty play — but when you played against Bolton Wanderers and Wolves in the 1950s and 1960s you finished with bruises that would last for weeks on end! You don't get tackling like that in today's game."

wrote Arfon Griffiths in the last issue.



● **George Showell** in that famous Wolves. strip watches his 'keeper **Sidebottom** in action.

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—Poor old LES CARTWRIGHT . . . he went down with 'flu after the Cambridge Utd. game. His wife Margaret was also hit and both had to miss the Racecourse staff party last Tuesday night at the Centenary Club.

● The same Tuesday was a red-letter day for STEVE DOWMAN . . . he played in his first competitive five-a-side game in training since his cartilage operation during the close season. Steve hopes to play his first full game within the next week. "I'm keeping my fingers crossed that there is no reaction — I'm dying to get a game in. The knee is feeling better every day."

● Youth team skipper NEIL SALATHIEL finds it harder playing in the junior side than he did in the first team when he notched 5 games. "In the first team the players helped me enormously but I'm looked on as the 'father' of the youth side and the team expect me to help them and it does make that harder," said the 17-year-old.

The ups and downs of football could not have been emphasised more clearly recently. The week after playing against Sheffield Wednesday and in front of 15,000 at the impressive Hillsborough ground . . . Neil found himself playing in the youth side on a field at Ruthin!

● The biggest affect DIXIE McNEIL has found since taking over the skipper's job from Joey Jones — is the roar of the crowd. "Before I always came out at the back and when the crowd is not a big one I never heard the roar but since being skipper I have noticed the roar straight away."

Dixie was skipper at Hereford for a short time. "I suppose it must affect a player with me I am conscious not to shout too much in case the lads think I'm only shouting because I'm captain."

Last week-end Dixie stepped out at Preston for his 450th league game.

● Fans travelling to Shrewsbury Town for tomorrow's Second Division game are warned to keep away from Newbridge near Ruabon. That stretch of the main A483 will be closed from midnight Christmas Day for three days. Fans are advised to go via Overton or through Llangollen or Fron to join the A5.

● In the event of a replay in the F.A. Cup, Third Round tie at West Ham — the replay will be played the following Tuesday January 6th kick-off 7.30 p.m. Stand tickets will go on sale on Sunday and Monday.

E ROUND UP

● Chief scout KEN ROBERTS watched Coventry City beat Peterborough Utd. 3—0 in the Youth Cup — and 'Sky Blues' now take on Wrexham in the next round at Highfield Road (provisionally arranged for January 6th). Having beaten both Liverpool and West Brom away in previous rounds there is still an air of confidence in the Racecourse camp despite having to travel away. "Coventry are a good side — the type you would expect from a First Division outfit but they must be a bit worried knowing who we have beaten already," said Mr. Roberts.

FANFARE



● I couldn't understand why a big fuss was not made of Wrexham's 'goal' that should have been the winner against West Ham. It was 2—2 when Dixie McNeil put the ball in the net. The referee did not blow the whistle until after the ball went in the net. I, and many West Ham fans with me in the Border Stand couldn't believe when he punished Wrexham by pulling play back to give Wrexham a free kick booking two players including Steve Fox to the bargain.

Ex-Referee
(name and address
supplied)

● I see that the F.A. are proposing the stopping of cheap rail travel in a bid to combat hooliganism. In common with their other proposals this may not be practicable but I strongly feel that to restrict cheap rail fares for football fans to officially recognised Supporters' Clubs would greatly alleviate the problem.

Phil Davies,
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● I like watching Wrexham especially when my Dad takes me away. My favourite player is Wayne Cegielski.

Mark Davies (aged 5)
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They were original members of The Football League and after being relegated to the Second Division several times in their early days they enjoyed an unbroken First Division spell from 1911 to 1933.

The Wanderers won the F.A. Cup in 1923, 1926, 1929 and 1958 but they have still to win the First Division championship.

From 1935 to 1964 the Wanderers remained in the First Division and in 1970-71 they dropped into the Third Division for the first time in their history. Two years later they were promoted as champions.

They won promotion to the First Division at the end of the 1977-78 season, champions, after twice finishing in third place in the Second Division. Were relegated to the 2nd Division at the end of last season.

Manager Stan Anderson has certainly had his problems since he stepped up to replace Ian Greaves in the Burnden Park hot seat. Peter Reid the club's brilliant midfield man no sooner settled his contract row when he was injured and will be out for two months. New signing Dusan Nikolic has also been out with an injury while Len Cantello and Paul Jones are both on the transfer list.

One bit of blue sky for manager Anderson is the form of Brian Kidd who has continued scoring goals since his move from Everton, while great things are expected from David Hoggan a midfield player who is in the Scottish under-21 squad.

Bolton's League results this season:

Home: Sheffield Wed. 0-0, Bristol R. 2-0 (o.g., Gowling), Chelsea 2-3 (Thompson, Gowling), Preston 2-1 (Carter, Whatmore), Grimsby 1-1 (Hoggan), Orient 3-1 (Kidd 2, Whatmore), Newcastle 4-0 (Kidd 3, Whatmore), Swansea 1-4 (Whatmore), Bristol C. 1-1 (Gowling), Cambridge 6-1 (Kidd 3, Whatmore, Hoggan, Cantello), Notts Co. 3-0 (Wilson 2, Kidd),.

Away: Notts Co. 1-2 (Whatmore), Cardiff 1-1 (Walsh), Shrewsbury 2-1 (Carter, Kidd), West Ham 1-2 (Kidd), Sheffield W. 0-2, Bristol City 1-3 (Gowling), Derby 0-1, Oldham 1-1 (Cantello), Q.P.R. 1-3 (Kidd), Watford 1-3 (Hoggan), Luton 2-2 (Whatmore 2).

THE VIS

BOLTON WA



(left to right) **Back row:** Mike Graham, Dave Hoggan, Te
Mike Bennett, Peter Reid

Middle row: Tadeusz Nowak, Dave Clemen
Len Cantello, Peter Nicholson, Brian Kidd

Front row: Alan Gowling, Phil Wilson, Dave
Mike Carter, Paul Jones

REMEMBER LAST TIME? MONDAY, OCTOBER

WREXHAM 1 BOLTON WANDERERS

This was the season, Wanderers went up as champions, beaten Hadjuk Split 3-1 in the E.C.W.C., Bolton came more points on their way to the championship. Bolton Arfon Griffiths equalised with a 32nd-minute penalty, late goals from Garry Jones and Stuart Lee, who a fe

Wrexham: Lloyd, Mason, Fogg, Evans, Davis
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w years later was to join Wrexham

, Thomas, Smallman, Sutton,
Scott.

er, Jones (P), Nicholson, Byrom,
sub. Seddon.

Goalkeeper:

TERRY POOLE: signed from Huddersfield Town in January 1977 for a £25,000 fee, Terry had found his opportunities strictly limited by the good form of Jim McDonagh. But has been a regular since McDonagh's move to Everton.

Defenders:

DAVID BURKE: David emerged onto the first team scene at the start of the 1978-79 season. From Winsford, Cheshire he made his senior debut against Chelsea in the League Cup. Can play at full-back or in midfield and is a very exciting prospect.

PETER NICHOLSON: signed for the Wanderers from Blackpool for a small fee prior to the 1971-72 season and has proved to be a fantastic bargain. A utility player who always gives a hundred per cent in either defence or midfield.

PAUL JONES: Paul is a tall, quick-tackling defender who has been a member of the Under-23 and full England squads. He is a commanding player in the air as well as on the ground and has a habit of scoring vital goals. Can also play at full-back with distinction.

MIKE WALSH: Manchester-born Mike joined the Wanderers from school. He has captained the side and is equally proficient in the middle of the defence, at full-back or in midfield.

IAN BRENNAN: joined Wanderers a fortnight ago from Burnley for £25,000. Aged 27, he has played over 200 games for Burnley but refused a new contract at the start of the season.

MIKE GRAHAM: youngster who joined the Wanderers from school and made the breakthrough onto the senior scene in season 1978-79. A strong-tackling full-back, he looks to have a very bright future in the game. Born in Lancaster.

Midfield:

PHIL WILSON: a tough, little character with no shortage of skills which kept him in the side for the latter stages of last season. Born in Hemsworth, Yorkshire, he joined Bolton as a schoolboy in February, 1976 and signed full professional forms in October, 1978.

DAVID HOGGAN: joined Bolton from Tynecastle Boys Club, Edinburgh as an apprentice in November, 1977 and signed full professional forms in August, 1979. Made his league debut at Bristol City on April 12th this year and in his brief appearances showed neat skills and ability to shoot from any range.

Strikers:

NEIL WHATMORE: strong attacker with a flair for scoring goals. Is a prolific scorer and can also play in midfield with good effect. Was top scorer last season with 18 goals.

BRIAN KIDD: Brian was a member of Manchester United's European Cup-winning team in 1968 and he was later capped twice by England. He moved on to Arsenal in 1974 but two years later he returned to Manchester to join the City. After two seasons at Maine Road he joined Everton. He joined Bolton for £150,000 at the end of last May.

ALAN GOWLING: signed for a £120,000 fee from Newcastle United three seasons ago after four years at St. James' Park. Started his career with Manchester United and then moved to Huddersfield.

MIKE CARTER: a highly-talented striker with an ability to score spectacular goals. He made his league debut for Wanderers against Bristol City in December, 1979 and scored his first league goal later that month in the dying seconds to snatch a home point against Everton at Burnden Park after coming on as substitute.

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JUNIOR REDS PARTY TIME



(above) Mel Sutton, Dixie McNeil, Alan Hill and Mickey Evans just about get a look in as some of the party guests pose for our cameraman.

(top right) The man himself... Father Christmas who not surprisingly proved the most popular person at the 'Junior Reds' party.

(bottom right) It looks as though Dixie McNeil's for the chop... but magician Rita pulls off her trick and still allowed the Wrexham star to keep his head!



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CLUES — ACROSS

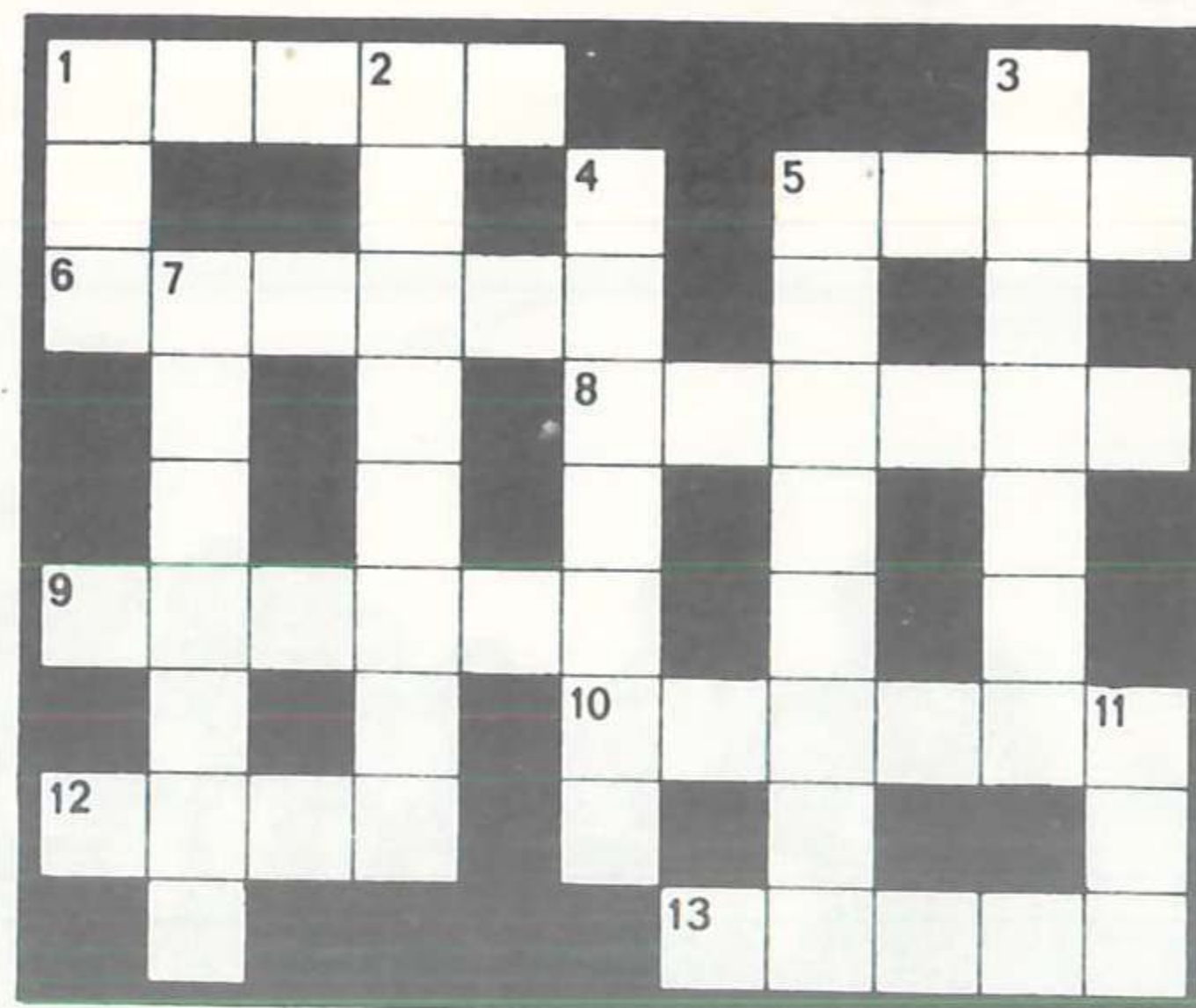
1. Montrose are located at --- Park (5)
5. England's last appearance in a World Cup finals series was here in 1970 against West Germany (4)
6. Within the last couple of years players in Spain and Greece have staged one (6)
8. Old Blackburn, Everton and Burnley back for whom 5ac was his last England cap (6)
9. Brian --- made his only England appearance (as a substitute) in 1975 (6)
10. Players' passageway (6)
12. Flamboyant old Portsmouth manager Jack --- used to wear 'lucky spats' (4)
13. Drinkell or Dillon (5)

CLUES — DOWN

- 1 & 5dn Tall striker who has been one of Torquay's chief goal-getters over the last two seasons (3 8)
2. He won promotion last season in his first year as a manager (8)
3. German club from which Belgian international Van Gool came to Coventry (7)
4. Last season both Manchester City and Norwich featured a different Dave --- (7)
5. See 1dn
7. Country that made its first appearance in a World Cup finals when it competed in Argentina (7)
- 11 Old Spurs centre-forward --- Duquemin (3)

ANSWERS — Crossword/Quiz:

Across — 1. Links. 5. Leon (Mexico). 6. strike. 8. Newton. 9 Little. 10. tunnel. 12. Tinn. 13. Kevin.
Down — 1 & 5dn. Les Lawrence. 2. Knighton (Sunderland). 3. Cologne. 4. Bennett. 5. See 1dn. 7. Tunisia. 11. Len.



QUIZ TIME

1. Which 2 players have Wrexham signed from Bolton W. since the last war?
2. Nat Lofthouse and which 3 other post-war English internationals have managed Bolton W.?
3. Which Bolton player was leading 1st Division goalscorer in 1948/49?
4. Who is the only man to play first-class cricket and league soccer on the same day?
5. Who was the first man to be sent off in a Home International Championship match?
6. Who was the first man to score a penalty in a post-war F.A. Cup final?

Quiz Answers — 1. Ernie Phythian; Stuart Lee. 2. Jimmy Armfield; Jimmy Meadows; Stan Anderson. 3. Willie Moir. 4. Chris Balderstone (for Leicestershire and Doncaster Rovers). 5. Billy Ferguson (N. Ireland v. England in 1966). 6. Eddie Shimmell (Blackpool v. Manchester Utd. in 1948).

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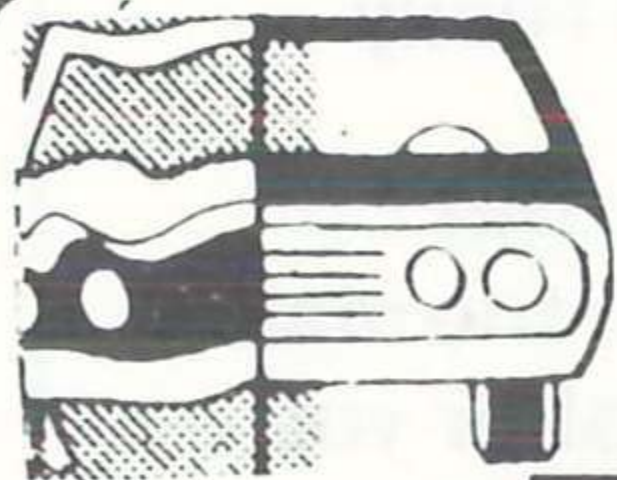
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The fixture list has been kind to us this Christmas and New Year. We have been training every day during Christmas week but it's the thought of long journeys away from home that gets players down at this time of the year.

Although the days of travelling the length of the country during the holiday programmes seem to be over, some clubs do find themselves facing a day in a coach on Christmas Day for the Boxing Day game.

Last Christmas we had to go to Sunderland and although the

motorways have cut down travelling time — we still had to leave our families on Christmas Day.

I'm not moaning, footballers accept this kind of situation but it is better for the fans too, if the distance between the clubs concerned is short. Today's game against Bolton and tomorrow's visit to Shrewsbury Town does at least give the fans a chance of getting to see their teams in action.

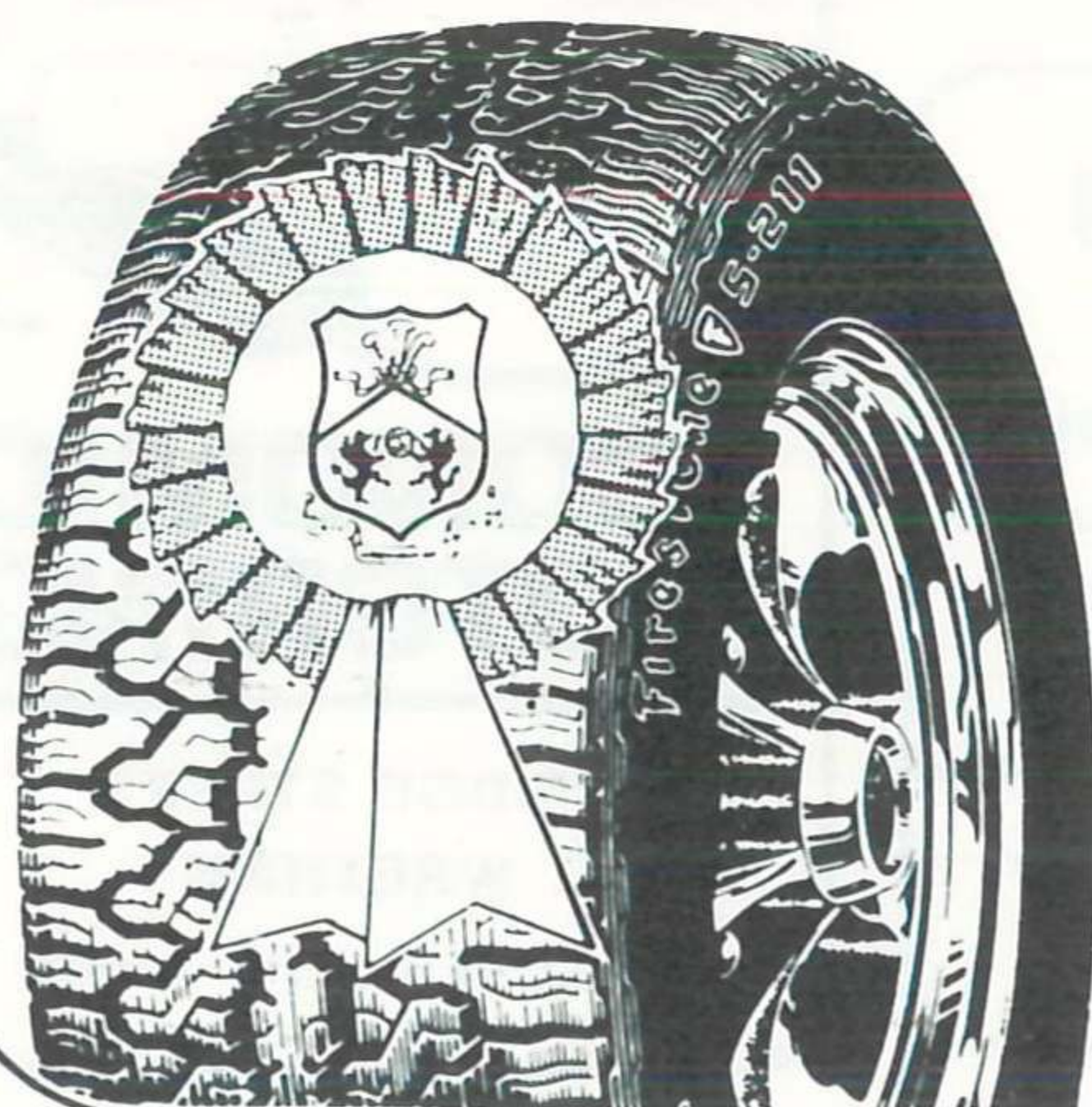
Steve Dowman looks like getting back into action very soon. It's always a difficult time getting

back after a serious injury but it is even worse for Steve because he arrived at the Racecourse in the summer full of hope for playing in Second Division football only to have a cartilage operation before the season kicked-off. He has battled away against complications but recently has shown a great improvement and now he can't wait to get into the action.

The Cambridge game was disappointing. Everyone expected us to win after picking up five out of our last six points — still we did get a point to keep the run going and it is important with the Second Division being so tight, that we keep picking up points. It was most frustrating to play against a side like Cambridge but we have got to learn quickly to bring these sides down.

I heard the F.A. Cup draw in the boss's office. It's funny how we always seem to come out of the hat early. While West Ham manager John Lyall must be chuffed with having a home draw — I bet he'll be thinking of the games we have been involved in against West Ham. It's not going to be an easy tie . . . for either side!

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FLASHBACK

10 YEARS AGO . . . DECEMBER, 1970

Wrexham struck top form on Boxing Day to thrash Port Vale away from home 3—0. Despite being without Arfon Griffiths, Wrexham were superior in all departments with Mickey Evans outstanding in midfield. It took The Reds only 90 seconds to take the lead through Albert Kinsey; Ashcroft made it two and substitute Ray Smith completed the scoring with a spectacular effort in the last minute.

Wrexham — Gaskell, Ingle, Mason, Davis, May, Vansittart, Tinnion, Evans, Ashcroft (Smith), Kinsey, Provan.

Port Vale — Sharratt, Boulton (McLaren), Hopkinson, Summerscales, Cross, Green, Morris, Lacey, Morgan, Horton, James. Attendance 6,303.

20 YEARS AGO . . . DECEMBER, 1960

On Boxing Day, Wrexham went down 2—1 at Rochdale, despite Ron Roberts giving The Reds a half-time lead.

But the next day Wrexham got their revenge beating Rochdale 2—0 at the Racecourse in front of a 6,632 crowd. Amongst the crowd was Welsh team manager Jimmy Murphy who saw Arfon Griffiths give another five-star performance. The goals which gave The Reds their first league win for a month came from Mick Metcalfe and Ron Harbetson.

Wrexham — Charlie Hughes, P. Jones, McGowan, Fred Davis, Fox, G. Evans, Gren Jones, Arfon Griffiths, Harbetson, Metcalfe, Roberts.

30 YEARS AGO . . . DECEMBER, 1950

The Christmas programme began with a goalless draw at home to Rotherham. In a dire struggle only a brilliant save by Ferguson to keep out a Shaw header gave Wrexham a point.

On Christmas Day, Wrexham travelled up to Scunthorpe and despite being the better side just could not score and went down 2—0. The following day saw the return at the Racecourse and after only 3 minutes, slack marking enabled Mosby to give Scunthorpe the lead. It took Wrexham an hour to get going and then Wyllie equalised and 10 minutes later Donaldson gave Wrexham both points.

Wrexham — Ferguson, Tunney, McAdam, Spruce, Wilson, MacCullum, Lawrence, Wyllie, Grainger, Donaldson, Tunnicliffe. Attendance 9,652. Receipts £736.



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Opponents		Result	Att.	1	2	3	4
Aug.	9 Burnley (LCI (1L)	1-3	5126	Davies	Hill	Dwyer	Davis
	12 Burnley LCI (2L)	1-2	4439	Davies	Hill	Dwyer	Jones, F
	16 Chelsea	2-2	20001	Davies	Hill	Dwyer	Jones, F
	19 Cardiff City	0-1	7772	Davies	Hill	Dwyer	Jones, F
	23 Grimsby Town	0-1	9175	Davies	Hill	Dwyer	Jones, F
	30 Oldham Ath.	3-2	5176	Davies	Hill	Dwyer	Jones, F
Sept.	6 Luton Town	1-1	8244	Davies	Jones, J	Dwyer	Davis
	13 Orient	3-1	5356	Davies	Jones, J	Dwyer*	Davis
	20 Derby County	1-0	16823	Davies	Jones, J	Fox	Davis
	27 Blackburn R.	0-1	10913	Davies	Sutton	Jones, J	Davis
Oct.	4 Swansea City	1-1	8544	Davies	Sutton	Jones, J	Davis
	7 Cambridge Utd.	0-1	4431	Davies	Sutton	Jones, J	Davis
	11 Watford	0-1	10694	Davies	Hill	Jones, J	Davis
	18 Preston N.E.	0-1	5775	Davies	Hill	Jones, J	Davis
	21 Bristol City	1-0	4179	Davies	Hill	Jones, J	Davis
	25 Queens Park R.	1-0	9050	Davies	Salathiel	Jones, J	Davis
Nov.	1 Notts County	1-1	6221	Davies	Salathiel*	Jones, J	Davis
	8 Sheffield Wed.	1-2	15736	Davies	Salathiel*	Jones, J	Davis
	12 Cardiff City	0-1	4562	Davies	Hill	Jones, J	Davis
	15 Chelsea	0-4	7953	Davies	Salathiel	Whittle	Davis
	22 Pwllheli Welsh Cup 3	6-0	1069	Niedzwiecki	Salathiel	Kenworthy 1	Davis 1
	22 Newcastle Utd.	1-0	15953	Davies	Sutton	Kenworthy	Davis
	29 West Ham Utd.	2-2	8941	Davies	Sutton	Kenworthy	Davis
Dec.	6 Bristol R.	1-0	4862	Davies	Jones, J	Kenworthy	Davis
	13 Cambridge Utd.	0-0	5049	Davies	Jones, J	Kenworthy	Davis
	20 Preston N.E.	1-1	4746	Davies	Jones, J	Kenworthy	Davis
	26 Bolton W.						
	27 Shrewsbury T.						
1981							
Jan.	3 FAC 3rd. West Ham U						
	10 Newcastle Utd.						
	13 Cardiff Welsh Cup 4						
	17 Oldham Ath.						
	24 FA Cup 4						
	31 Grimsby Town						
Feb.	7 Orient						
	14 Luton Town (5)						
	21 Blackburn R.						
	28 Derby County						
March	6 Swansea City (6)						
	14 Watford						
	21 Bristol City						
	28 Queens Park R.						
April	4 Notts County						
	11 Sheffield W. (SF)						
	18 Shrewsbury T.						
	20 Bolton W.						
	25 Bristol R.						
May	2 West Ham Utd.						
	9 FA Cup Final						

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Jones, J	Carrodus	Vinter	Sutton	Edwards	McNeil	Cartwright	Fox
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Cegielski	Carrodus	Vinter*	Fox	Edwards	McNeil	Cartwright	Vinter
Cegielski	Carrodus	Sutton	Fox	Edwards*	McNeil	Cartwright	Buxton
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AUGUST

16—MANCHESTER C. "A" 7-1
23—ALTRINCHAM Res. ... 5-1
30—BARROW Res. 3-0

SEPTEMBER

6—OLDHAM A. Res. 4-1
13—CHESTER "A" 1-2
20—TRANMERE R. Res. 2-5
27—ROCHDALE Res. 0-2

OCTOBER

4—PORT VALE Res. 2-4
11—BARROW Res. 4-3
17—STOCKPORT C. "A" 1-1
25—MANCHESTER U. "A" 1-4

NOVEMBER

1—MORECAMBE Res. 3-0
7—CHESTER "A" 4-1
15—CARLISLE U. Res. 1-1

DECEMBER

6—PORT VALE Res. 4-3
13—MANCHESTER C. "A" ... 3-1
18—BOLTON W. "A" 1-3

JANUARY

10—MANCHESTER U. "A" ... Away
17—LIVERPOOL "A" Home
31—EVERTON "A" Away

FEBRUARY

7—MORECAMBE Res. Home
14—ALTRINCHAM Res. Away
21—ROCHDALE Res. Home
27—TRANMERE R. Res. Away

MARCH

7—STOCKPORT C. "A" ... Home
14—CREWE A. "A" Away
21—EVERTON "A" Home

APRIL

4—CREWE A. "A" Home
11—BOLTON W. "A" Away
18—LIVERPOOL "A" Away



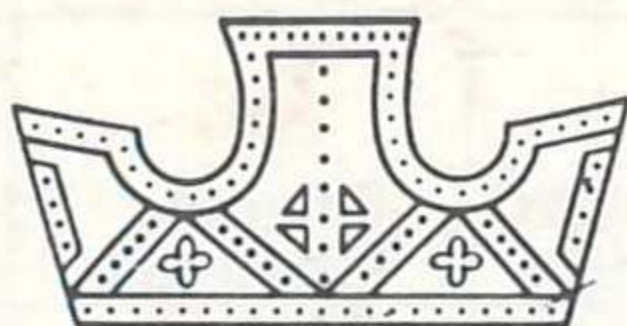
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